

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 69

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

June 26, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to the CHP Officer Dean Esquibel Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 69, as introduced, Salas. CHP Officer Dean Esquibel Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Cross Creek Bridge in the County of Kings as the CHP Officer Dean Esquibel Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Dean Jose Esquibel was born July
2 31, 1962 to Joan and Alex Esquibel, in Greensboro, North Carolina;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Officer Esquibel graduated from Orosi High School
5 in 1980, joined the Police Academy through the College of the
6 Sequoias shortly thereafter, and was assigned to the Orange Cove
7 Police Department upon graduation; and
8 WHEREAS, Officer Esquibel worked as an Orange Cove Police
9 Officer and did undercover work for the Dinuba Police Department
10 prior to becoming a California Highway Patrol Officer; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Dean Esquibel married his best friend,
2 Christine Lewis, on June 21, 1981, and had a wonderful son, Justin,
3 born August 22, 1983; and

4 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Esquibel enjoyed fishing,
5 bike riding, and spending time with his family; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Esquibel entered the Department of the
7 California Highway Patrol Academy on April 2, 1984, and upon
8 graduation was assigned to the Hanford Area Office, where he
9 proudly served the department for approximately one year; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Esquibel, badge number 11289, while
11 providing backup in a high-speed pursuit of a fleeing motorcyclist
12 on State Route 198, was forced to veer off the road, causing his
13 patrol car to burst into flames; and

14 WHEREAS, The impact of the collision pinned Officer Esquibel
15 inside his patrol car, and, although he was rescued by fellow CHP
16 Officer De La Cruz shortly thereafter, Officer Esquibel succumbed
17 to his injuries two weeks later, on August 21, 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Esquibel was a hardworking, dedicated
19 officer who loved his job, enjoyed the people he worked with, and
20 was known for being a loyal family man and a wonderful father
21 and husband; and

22 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife and son who were his
23 greatest joys; and

24 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Esquibel's great
25 contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol
26 and the citizens of California, it would be fitting to designate the
27 Cross Creek Bridge in the County of Kings in his honor; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designate the Cross
31 Creek Bridge on State Route 198, in the County of Kings, as the
32 CHP Officer Dean Esquibel Memorial Bridge; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
34 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
35 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
36 showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations
37 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and
38 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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